

Discipline English (BA Programme) under CBCS

DSC 1A

Selections from *Individual and Society: Essays, Stories and Poems*, (Pearson/Longman, 2005)

Course Statement

The English Discipline-centric papers are designed to give students a broad yet deep understanding of English Literatures, both through canonical and translated literary texts and anthologies. It draws on current issues and ideas to familiarize students of writings in the West and in the Asian subcontinent. Different genres are introduced to give the students knowledge of cultural motifs and ideologies that would help in their understanding of the world. Starting with the 'Individual and Society' anthology that introduces them to significant contemporary issues like Caste and Globalization, the papers move on to texts from the European Renaissance, Victorian and Modern poetry and ends with some optional papers that a student may choose out of his/her interest. They include a paper on Modern Drama, Children's Literature, Postcolonial Literature and Popular Literature.

Course Objectives

- * The course offers the BA Programme student an opportunity to study three years of English Discipline papers that enable them to go for further studies in English if they so desire
- * The course attributes to the students a working knowledge of how to read literary texts and enables them to use such knowledge to enhance and augment their professional job opportunities
- * The course introduces students to contemporary literary ideas and issues in an increasingly complex world
- *The course allows the student a familiarity with literary texts through different genres and time periods

Course Contents

Semester 1

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Selections from *Individual and Society: Essays, Stories and Poems*, (Pearson/Longman, 2005) with the selected chapters as follows: 28 chapters

1. From the section on **Caste/Class**: Chapters 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

2. From the section on **Gender**: Chapters 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15
3. From the section on **Race**: Chapters 16, 17, 18, 19
4. From the section on **Violence and War**: Chapters 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28
5. From the section on **Globalization**: 29, 31, 32, 33, 34.

Keywords: Caste, Class, Gender, Race, Violence and War, Globalization

Teaching Plan:

Weeks 1-3: Caste/Class chapters

Weeks 4-7: Gender

Weeks 8-9: Race

Weeks 9-12: War and Violence

Weeks 13-14: Globalization